GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Commercial Tax Department – Allegation of Corruption against Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District (Now Retired) – Trapped by ACB on 02.08.2008 – Placed on his defence before Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings – Inquiry Report submitted – Charged Officer found not guilty of the charge of misconduct - Further action dropped - Regularization of suspension period as on duty under FR 54 (B)(3)- Orders-Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.955 **Dated:16-12-2020**

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings of the DC (CT), Kakinada in Ref.P1/435/2008. Dt: 04.08.2008.
2. From the DG, ACB, Final Report in Rc.No.185/RCT-REG/2008, dt: 20.12.2008.
3. Govt. Memo No.57227/Vig.I(2)/2008, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., dt:12.03.2010.
4. Govt. Memo No.57227/Vig.I(2)/2008, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., dt:14.06.2010.
5. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.185/RCT-REG/2008, dt: 08-2012
6. Govt.Memo No.57227/Vig.I(2)/2008, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., dt:20.09.2012.
7. From II Member, Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings, Enquiry report in T.E.C.No.13/2012, Letter Dis.No. S/2/2018, dated 20.12.2018, dt: 20.12.2018.
8. Govt.Memo No.57227/Vig.I(2)/2008, Rev (Vig.I) Dept., dt:21.08.2019.
9. From the CC(ST), AP,Vijayawada, Ref No.1211/2008, dated 26.11.2019.

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O R D E R :

It was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District District (Now Retired) was trapped by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 02.08.2008 when he demanded and accepted bribe from Sri D.Srinivasa Rao, R/o Podagatlapalli, Ravulapalem village, East Godavari district for doing official favour of processing the application form of VAT TIN Registration for Dharmini Fertilizers and that the Accused officer was placed under suspension with effect from the date of his detention i.e., 02.08.2008 vide 1st read above. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has submitted his Final report vide 2nd read above recommending to place the Accused Officer on his defence before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for the above misconduct and also for non-submission of APRs to the competent authority except during the year 2006 and for violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules.

2. Government after examining the matter and after following due procedure have placed Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District (Now Retired) on his defence before Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings vide 3rd read above to conduct enquiry on the allegations of corruption leveled against him and submit the report. Subsequently, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, dated 26.03.2010, in O.A.No.443/2010 filed by the Charged officer, and also in terms of the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.86, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 08.03.1994, his suspension has been revoked and he was reinstated into service, vide 4th read above. Further, the PART-B Notes furnished vide 5th read above by the Ant Corruption Bureau, in respect of the case was sent to the Secretary, Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings vide 6th read above for taking further action in the matter.

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3. The II Member, Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide his letter 7th read above, has furnished the Inquiry Report and Record in T.E.C. No.13/2012, wherein he held that the Charged Officer, Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District (Now Retired) was found not guilty of the charge of misconduct within the meaning of Rule 3 (1) & (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 read with Rule.2(b) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Rules, 1989 framed under the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 as amended in 1993.

5. Government, after examining the matter, decided to accept the findings of the Inquiring Authority and to drop further action against Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District (Now Retired) and accordingly vide 8th read above, Government have dropped further action against Sri V.Venkata Rao, formerly Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem, O/o Commercial Tax Office, Mandapeta, East Godavari district (now retired).

6. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, vide 9th read above has informed that the Joint Commissioner of State Tax, Kakinada in his letter dated 13.11.2019 has stated that the charged Officer, Sri V. Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (Retired) has submitted a representation wherein among others, he has requested to regularize his suspension period i.e., from 02.08.2008 to 02.07.2010 and to treat the same as “ON DUTY” for all the purposes.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to regularize the suspension period. Accordingly, hereby order to regularize the suspension period in respect of Sri Vanga Venkata Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Ravulapalem O/o. the Commercial Tax Officer, Mandapeta, East Godavari District District (Now Retired) from 02.08.2008 to 02.07.2010 as “On Duty” under FR 54 (B) (3).

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O.No : FIN01-HR0RSPE/8/2020-HR-IV

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER